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I would rather sit on a pumpkin and have it all to myself
than be crowded on a velvet cushion. H.D. Thoreau

Something good that's good for you.



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SPRING BANQUET

The Spring Banquet is coming! Don't forget to head to the Hotel Syracuse this Thursday (March 24) at 7:00 pm. for the ham and cherry sauce dinner, followed by dancing to "Golden Gate".

TAKE NOTE!

**Summer Session in Field Forestry handbooks are now available in room 107 Bray.

**Mr. Thomas Slocum is the new Career Services Director. Drop by 108 Bray to wish him luck and to ask him questions.

**It's Student Audit form time again! Pick up and drop off your Student Audit form outside 107 Bray.

WARRENSBURG REUNION

The Compass Refund Party for the people that attended the 1976 Summer Session at Warrensburg is this Saturday down in Nifkin Lounge. Don't forget to bring your compasses, hardhats, and pictures from this summer. You can invite someone else, but limit yourself to only one guest.

* HUMOR US *

The Knothole is still accepting any articles, poems, cartoons, and trivia that you think would tickle the funny bone of students, faculty, and even those people up in Bray...

So humor us by submitting humorous whatever to the Knothole mailbox.

April First is Fools' Day, and we don't know any bigger fools than the Knothole staff: So prove us right!

WILDLIFE SOCIETY ELECTIONS

The nominating committee will start to accept nominations for the up-coming elections for President, V-P, Secretary, Treasurer and 2 additional Executive Board members from the membership of the student chapter.

The elections will be held during the middle of April. All nominations should be submitted by the end of March.

Criteria for nomination are:

- 1) Must be a member of the Wildlife Society in good standing.
- 2) A member may not be elected to the same office two consecutive years.
- 3) A member may be nominated for more than one position but may hold only one office.

The nominee for President should be of the Junior class and the V-P of the Soph. class.

Leave nominations in the Wildlife Society mailbox or bring them to the meetings.

BICYCLES

Bicycle racks are provided on campus to lock bicycles to. Remember to lock both wheels to prevent possible theft.

To prevent hazardous situations and potential fire hazard, please do not lock your bike inside any of the campus buildings.

CREATIVITY COUNTS!

It's time for another Knothole creativity contest! Cash prizes for the best poem, short story and cartoon this campus can come up with.

So take a study break and show us what you've got! Just remember to be original and to submit your creation to the Knothole mailbox in the basement of Marshall.

BIRD OF THE WEEK

Red-winged blackbirds (Agelaius phoeniceus) started moving north about three weeks ago. These early migrators are a welcome reminder that spring is not far away.

Redwings are members of the blackbird family (Icteridae) which includes the bobolinks, meadowlarks, orioles, cowbirds and grackles. The males are black with red-orange "shoulder" patches. A buffy-yellow wing bar borders the red patch posteriorly. The female is brown and streaked and looks like an overgrown sparrow. First year males tend to be brown tinged and have dull orange shoulders.

These Passeriforms usually inhabit marshes and swamps, but they can also be found near lakes, rivers and streams, and in agroci;tira; foe;ds in agricultural fields (they nest in all of these places).

Redwings have a number of easily recognized calls. Both sexes have a "chek-chek" call. Males are famous for their gurgling "oak-leo-rhaa" song. When the male is alarmed he gives a hollow "tuk-tuk" call and a one-note, high-pitched rasping whistle.

In early spring, migrating flocks of redwings roost in conifer woodlots. Just before dusk, redwings gather with grackles, cowbirds, rusty blackbirds and starlings in hardwood trees near these roosting grounds. The sound of hundreds of these birds calling together is deafening! Redwings again flock with other Icterids in the late summer and early fall. These birds may cause considerable damage to grain crops in early autumn.

Thomas Ventiquattro

KNOTHOLE POLICY

The Knothole is the student publication of the SUNY College of ESF. Issued on a weekly basis, the Knothole is published every Thursday and is generally available to students that same evening. The deadline for material submission is Saturday noon prior to the upcoming issue. All material submitted must be signed; names will be withheld on request.

The Knothole meets every Thursday at 6:30 PM in the basement of Bray. All interested students are invited to attend to share ideas and labor.

Iced-over marshes
with redwing music
Bring hopeful air
and a breath of spring.



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